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TO:

Each Supervisor

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Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT:

NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST – PROPOSITION 10 COMMISSION FOR THE LOS ANGELES MOMMY AND BABY PROJECT

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 12, 2012, to accept and implement a forthcoming Grant Award from the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (First 5 LA) for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, at amounts to be determined by First 5 LA, to support the Department of Public Health (DPH) Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program's (MCAH) Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Project, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this delegated authority, I will accept and execute First 5 LA Contract Number 07337 in the amount of \$343,744 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to continue the LAMB Project. The purpose of the LAMB Project is to: survey mothers within Los Angeles County; monitor maternal health experiences that occur before, during, and after pregnancy; analyze survey data; and disseminate the survey results. The LAMB Project is key in the following activities: 1) providing information about the perinatal (preconception, prenatal, and postpartum) population; 2) identifying and evaluating problems for purposes of program planning and service development; and 3) highlighting the need for community involvement in identifying areas for public health intervention and developing of resources for improved services. Further, information garnered from the survey will enable MCAH and other programs within DPH to tailor programs and interventions to the specific health risks of mothers and infants.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Contract Number 07337 as to use and advised that your Board be informed that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated in this contract include provisions requiring County to defend, indemnify and hold harmless First 5 LA for all claims and losses related to this contract. This is a standard requirement from First 5 LA and cannot be waived or modified. CEO Risk Management has advised of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for these services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer County Counsel Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



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